



# Safety Bulletin

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## ATTENTION Home Safety Tips

Perhaps the most dangerous place you can be...is at home. Believe it or not, the average home is full of dangers that go unnoticed. In fact, household products cause more than 32,000 serious injuries each year. Most important, 90 percent of eye injuries can be prevented through understanding, safety practices and the use of proper eye protection.



- Use safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs.
- Provide lights and handrails to improve safety on stairs.
- Pad or cushion sharp corners and edges of furnishing and home fixtures.
- Install cabinet and drawer locks in kitchens and bathrooms.
- Leave personal-use items (cosmetics, toiletry products), kitchen utensils and desk supplies where they are not easily accessible to children.
- Inspect and remove debris from lawns before mowing.
- Use occupant restraints such as infant and child safety seat booster seats, safety belts and shoulder harnesses in cars.
- Avoid toys with sharp or rigid points, shafts, spikes, rods and dangerous edges.
- Keep toys intended for older children away from younger children.
- Use guards on all power equipment.
- Wear chemical safety goggles when using hazardous solvents and detergents.
- Read and follow all manufacturer instructions and warning labels.
- Do not mix cleaning agents.
- Know that regular eyeglasses don't always provide enough protection.
- Keep paints, pesticides, fertilizers and similar products properly stored in a secure area.
- Avoid flying toys and projectile firing toys; these pose a danger to all children, particularly those under five years old.
- Beware of items in playgrounds and play areas that pose potential

